

# EXHIBIT A

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**Subject:** Bonnell's violation of court order

**Date:** Monday, August 18, 2025 at 10:09:05 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** petersjoan

**To:** Andrew Brettler, Jake Camara, Robert "Bob" L. Raskopf, Patricia M. Patino, Kai Alblinger, Joel Sichel

**CC:** Carlos Garcia Perez, Gustavo D. Lage

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Please advise if you are willing to stipulate to any of these requests, or if you have any reasonable solution that would obviate our need to seek relief from the Court while ensuring that your client does not continue to repeat this type of conduct.

Thank you,  
Joan

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**Date:** Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:58:43 AM Pacific Daylight Time

**From:** Andrew Brettler

**To:** Joan Schlump Peters

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Your arbitrary deadlines are tiresome. Nevertheless, we have had a chance now to review the "evidence" you provided and discuss it with our client. The materials to which you directed us certainly do not prove that Mr. Bonnell "read aloud from the sealed preliminary injunction hearing transcript in his August 12th livestream," or that he "showed the sealed transcript to his fellow streamer so that she could read it." But even if they did, such conduct is not in violation of any court order. The magistrate judge's Paperless Order [Dkt. No. 91] merely directs the Clerk to seal the transcript of the June 3, 2025 hearing pending a further order of the Court. Mr. Bonnell never filed the transcript or any portions thereof on the public docket, nor did he publish a copy of the transcript online or elsewhere. Mr. Bonnell has a First Amendment right to discuss the lawsuit that your client filed against him. There also are no restrictions on Mr. Bonnell's right to discuss what happened at the June 3 hearing, which occurred in open court, with members of the public sitting in the gallery. Your motion for a gag order against Mr. Bonnell [Dkt. No. 84] has not been granted.

In light of the foregoing, your request that Mr. Bonnell be held in contempt of court is outrageous. Surely you and your colleagues are aware of the high showing required for the Court to enter such a finding. Also, where did you come up with the notion that Mr. Bonnell should pay at least a \$10,000 fine to the Court? Upon what are you basing that figure?

Should you proceed with your frivolous motion based on the limited and inconclusive "evidence" you provided to us yesterday, we will oppose it and seek sanctions against your client and your respective law firms.

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